

**PRICE ONE CENT**

## IN THE NICK OF TIME

PROBABLE ATTEMPT TO WRECK THE  
PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN.

**The Pilot Train Discovers a Burning Trestle in Arkansas—Had the Discovery Been Made Ten Minutes Later a Catastrophe Would Have Resulted—A Reporter Thinks the Fire was Not by Neglect**

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]  
CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—A *News* special from Memphis, Tenn., says: "When the pilot train preceding the Presidential train arrived at a trestle between Bensenville and"

Ark., yesterday morning, the engineer discovered the trestle to be on fire. He did not make the discovery until it was too late to stop the train before the engine had passed over the burning portion. As soon as possible he backed the train off the trestle and jumped down to ground.

He found that a section about ten feet square was in flames and that the fire had been started on the under side of the timbers. The engineer and all the rest of the trainmen, with the help of some of the passengers, succeeded in putting out the fire, when it was discovered that the flames

had not eaten dangerously far into the wood, and the trestle was still safe for the passage of trains. Had the train been ten minutes later, however, there might have been another Chatsworth horror to chronicle."

The fire was started on the under side of the cross-ties in such a manner that there can be no possible belief that sparks were the cause of it. Then, too, the fire was certainly set to more than one tie at a time, for it could not have jumped from one to another without burning the sides of the timber together. It did not.

**HE DIED ON THE PLATFORM.**

**Judge Ellett Expires After Welcoming the President to Memphis.**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 15.—Judge H. K. Ellett, who made the address of welcome to the President, died on the grand stand before the ceremonies were completed. In the course of his address Judge Ellett said:

"Nowhere all through this broad land will you find more loyalty to the Constitution and to the Government created by it, than

President Cleveland had not more than finished his address in reply, when it was noticed that Judge Ellett had been taken ill. In ten minutes he was dead.

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**DETECTIVE OWEN HALEY DEAD.**

**His Long Pursuit of Criminals Ended by**

**Fall from a Window.**  
Detective-Sergeant Owen Haley, one of the best-known members of Inspector Byrne's staff, died at midnight at Mount Sinai Hospital of injuries received by falling out of a window at his home at No. 72 East Eighty-ninth street. He had heard a disturbance in the street, and, opening the window to learn the cause, he lost his bal-

ance. His skull was fractured and both thighs and his right arm were broken by the fall. He was forty-two years old and leaves a widow and three small children.

Haley's tall, slender form, brown mustache and shrewd eyes were familiar to thousands on Broadway, where he did detective duty for years before he was attached to the Central Office. In one month alone, July, 1978, he distinguished himself by arresting no less than seventeen pickpockets in the

thoroughfare, the effect of his work being to make thieves give Broadway a wide berth. While under Inspector Byrnes he took part in the arrest of many celebrated criminals.

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**Somerville Wants a New Railroad.**  
(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)  
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 12.—An informal meeting of the prominent men of Somerville was held at the Court-House last night and a committee of

three, consisting of J. B. Smith, A. Dixon and Joshua Doughty, jr., was appointed to take steps to bring about the organization of a railroad company to run a line from Peacock to Somerville.

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**Report That Hicks Has Skipped.**

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., Oct. 15.—The Hartford Telegram-to-day publishes a sensational story to the effect that Cashier Hicks, of the Stafford Springs National Bank has skipped to Canada.

The story is utterly discredited by President Craze of the defunct bank, and other prominent Stafford people. He says that Hicks is in Hartford with relatives and will return to Stafford this afternoon.

**Commercial Union a Good Thing.**  
[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]  
MONTREAL, Oct. 18.—The announcement that Mr. Bayard intends to propose commercial union is well received here. It is felt that commercial union would be a good thing for Canada, and the

**Snapshots from the Sounder.**  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 15.—George Allen, the actor, dropped dead here at his hotel at an early hour to-day.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 15.—A distinguished part of Scandinavian army officers are in this city. They called upon Gen. Ruger to-day.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Oct. 15.—Editor Hixson

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.**—The  *Tribune* has not apologized for the scurrilous editorial on Mrs. Cleveland, as demanded by the City Council.

**SHAKOPEE, Wis., Oct. 15.**—Two wealthy young ladies who were married for fun to two of their male acquaintances find that they have been married in earnest.

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**Prob Keeps Up His Good Work.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.



—For Connecticut and Eastern New York: Warmer, fair weather; light to fresh, variable winds, becoming squally toward night.